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|             | C           | ONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371  | U.S. APRI CATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| INT         | ERNATIO     | ONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  | PRIORITY BATE CLAIMED                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|             |             | VENTION<br>ANKING METHOD, DEVICE AND ASSEMBLY THEREFOR  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Apr         | Didier M/   | ASSONNET rewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO)  | /US) the following items and other information:    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.          | $\boxtimes$ | This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.          |             | This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.          |             | This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.          | $\boxtimes$ | The US has been elected (Article 31).   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.          | $\boxtimes$ | A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |             | is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |             | has been communicated by the International Bureau.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |             | is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.          |             | An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |             | is attached hereto.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| _           | ⋈           | has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.          | $\boxtimes$ | are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Application under PC1  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |             | have been communicated by the International Bureau.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |             | have not been made; however, the time limit for making such   | amendments has NOT expired.                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             | _           | have not been made and will not be made.  | DOT A 1/1/2 40 (05 11 0 0 074/-)(0))               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.          |             | An English language translation of the amendments to the claims und   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9.          | $\boxtimes$ | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) as filed  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.         |             | An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |             | 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14          | 44 45       | 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |             |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |             | An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.   | ampliance with 27 CER 2 29 and 2 21 is included    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ı           |             | An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in co  | ompliance with 37 GFR 3.26 and 3.31 is included.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13.         |             | A preliminary amendment.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1           |             | An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15.         |             | A substitute specification.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16.         |             | A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.  | DCT Dula 12tor 2 and 27 CED 1 921 1 925            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17.         |             | A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18.         |             | A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19.         |             | A second copy of the English language translation of the international  | application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>2</b> 0. |             | Other items or information:   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 23. Search fee  |  |            |  |           |             |        |                             |                |  |  |  |
| Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100   |  |            |  |           |             |        |                             |                |  |  |  |
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| a. A ch   | eck in the amou  | unt of     | to cover the above   | e fees is | enclosed.   |        |                             |                |  |  |  |
|   | b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>19-0741</u> in the amount of \$1,030.00 to cover the above fees.  A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |            |  |           |             |        |                             |                |  |  |  |
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| d.  Fees are to be charge to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO- |  |            |  |           |             |        |                             |                |  |  |  |
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| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.          |  |            |  |           |             |        |                             |                |  |  |  |
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